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NO BOOZE NEWS

Neglect, the Elephant in the Room

Sins of Omission if You Like

When we are satisfied that we have given steps one through five our best effort and have identified the most glaring defects of character and shortcomings, it's now time to affect the changes in the most obvious of our faulty thinking and the behaviors that stem from those thoughts by addressing them in *steps six and seven*. To be successful in this endeavor, we must first get honest with ourselves and begin to *establish some credibility* and by that I mean *always doing the things we say we are going to do*. We bring *most of the basic flaws out in the open* as we become aware of them. Then, if we are sure that we are committed to the program, we will want to set, in place, principles to live by that cut off our own escape when we stumble and want to revert back to that old way of thinking. Most of us do this with the help of a sponsor or a mentor, if you like, and go by the book as best we can. I did, what I thought was a pretty thorough job of it, then one day, about twenty years ago, I was trying to park my car in a somewhat crowded parking lot and as I found the spot I wanted there was a shopping cart blocking my way. I got out of my car and moved the cart aside, then parked my car. I then got that shopping cart and pushed it back to the store entrance, then went about my business. From that day on, when parking at any market, I search for a stray shopping cart and take it back to the store just to make up for all the times I shoved one into the flower bed and drove away. After telling that story at meetings over the years, I hear people telling how it is very uncomfortable for them to leave the cart adrift in the parking lot, and we all get a big laugh out of it. As best I can tell, the word *neglect* is only mentioned two times in the Big Book (pg 97 and pg 129) and two times in the 12&12. (pg 81 and pg 151) And seldom, if ever, has it been the topic of a meeting that I can recall. It is like the proverbial, *elephant in the room*. As I started to catch myself shirking my responsibilities it became obvious to me that if I wanted to regain some form of self respect and dignity, I was going to have to put the word *Neglect* on my list of shortcomings, *and question my integrity*. Do I do what is right even when there's no one watching? If credibility is, *always doing what I say I'm going to do*, then *Integrity*, to me, is *a whole bunch of credibility*. To cut off my own escape I do routine things every day, that cost me nothing and the result of that is a clear conscience. If I am doing the little things that I should, I find it much easier to give the big things that same sort of attention. I never throw trash out of the car window, I pick up after myself, I never walk away from my bed in the morning without making it, and I liken that to being an unspoken prayer saying, I will be responsible, I will be orderly, I will be neat, and I will not be neglectful, I will be respectful, I will stay on the unselfish side of the ledger in all of my decisions, I sometimes revisit those pages in the Big Book and the 12&12 and I try my best not ignore *the elephant in the room*.

Rick R., Arizona

Editor's Note: Thank you to Rick for being a regular contributor of stories to your No Booze News.

You, too, can share your experience, strength and hope. Just call, text or email Maria D. at info@aamesaaz.org.



Alcoholics with additional barriers needing additional ways of receiving our A.A. message:

Low Vision - GSO has created materials in large print for easier to read and most materials are also in audio form.

Hard of hearing - Our Accessibility Workbook suggests, that groups allow areas close to the speaker when possible, many groups are using microphones to allow the speakers to be heard more clearly. These are both excellent tools in helping!

Illness / Mobility Challenges — Life on life's terms may mean being eligible for new hips, back surgery, knee replacements, being in accidents, etc. Home meetings are preferable, yet what if the alcoholic isn't open to this? Taking turns calling the person would be helpful in letting them know that are not forgotten! A familiar voice can be a soothing form of healing for any alcoholic that becomes ill.



Suggestions on ways of helping the alcoholic with access needs!

PLEASE CONTACT : Accessibility Chair of District 08

azstep12@gmail.com Thank You !

We Pray

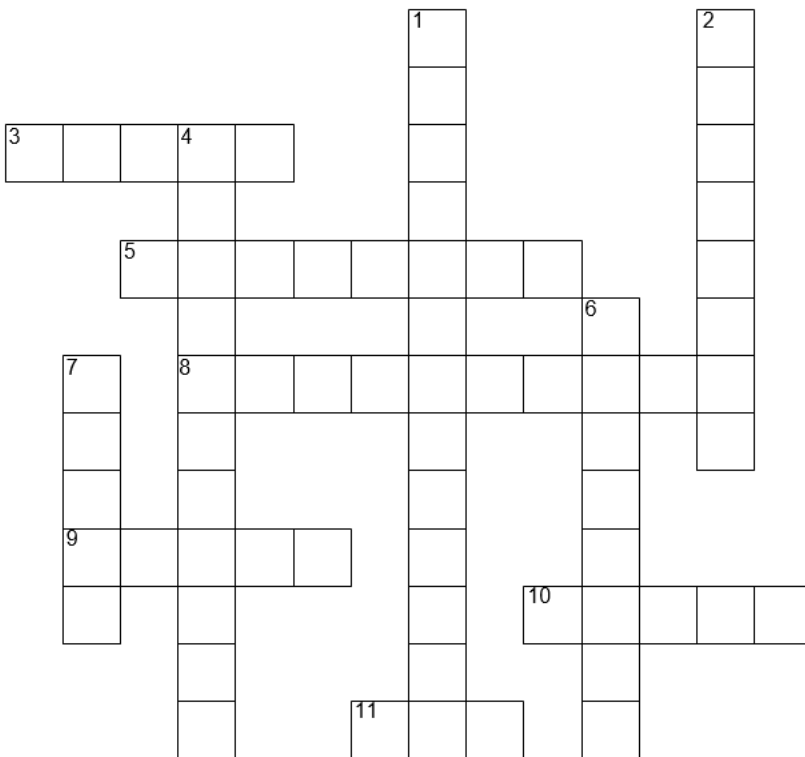
AA Acronyms
May Newsletter

Across

1. surrender
4. priority
7. onedayatatime
9. direction
11. twelve
12. chemical

Down

2. eligible
3. grace
5. lonely
6. takethesteps
8. edging
10. talking



ACROSS

- 3** This is included in the step prayer: "Help me not to shrink from anything".
- 5** "Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace", is part of the long version of a commonly said prayer in AA.
- 8** This prayer is said when working step four and is known as the prayer.
- 9** "relieve me of the bondage of self", is said when working this step.
- 10** "My fears have fallen from me", is a strong passage from thisstep prayer.
- 11** Father "Give us this day our daily bread" is from a prayer that may be recited in a circle to close a meeting.

DOWN

- 1** "Give freely of what you find and join us", is a portion of a hope filled reading found on page 164 in the big book.
- 2** "That where there is doubt, I may bring faith", is a prayer often related to this step.
- 4** An AA inspirational reading includes this passage "Self-seeking will slip away".
- 6** This prayer comes from the chapter to the agnostic.
- 7** "Please help me to remember to practice love and tolerance of others", is a part of the step prayer.

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Attitude of Gratitude

If you are grateful for your sobriety and would like to give back to the program that has so freely given to you, please use the Gratitude With Service form below to volunteer for any of EVI's Standing Committees, such as PI/CPC (Public Information / Cooperation with the Professional Community), Special Events, Literature, Unity, or Phone Volunteers. Participating in any of these committees can be a great way to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic, both in and out of the rooms.

As an ongoing reminder, we are still in need of more volunteers for the 12th Step call list. Although we are great at making sure the phones are answered day or night, finding someone willing and available to do a 12th Step call can sometimes be very challenging, and often times it's hit or miss depending on the time of day. If you have at least one year of continued sobriety and are willing to make yourself available to the alcoholic reaching out to AA for help from time to time, please be sure to complete the form provided below and return to the EVI Central Office via fax, mail, e-mail or in person as soon as possible. Who knows — the life you save could be your own....

EAST VALLEY INTERGROUP – Gratitude With Service form *revised 2/09*

Return to: 1320 E. Broadway Rd., Suite 105 Mesa, AZ 85204

(480) 827-1905

e-mail: info@aamesaaz.org

www.aamesaaz.org

Date _____ *First Name _____ Last _____

Address _____ *Phone _____

*City _____ *ST _____ *Zip _____ *Gender _____

*Sobriety Date _____ Home Group _____

e-mail address _____ Alt Phone _____

* = required for listing in 12th Step List

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Volunteer Service Options

Check only those you are willing to commit time to

12th Step List Volunteer

☐ Weeknights

☐ Weekends

☐ Weekdays

Phones Night & Weekend

☐ Weekends

☐ Weeknights

☐ Office Phone Volunteer

☐ Other Office Help

Committees of Interest

Check only those you are willing to serve on

☐ Public Information / Cooperation with the Professional Community

☐ Special Events

☐ Literature

☐ Newsletter (*No Booze News*)

☐ Unity Committee

☐ Deliver A Meeting



ROUNDUPS, CAMPOUTS AND CONFERENCES

FLAGSTAFF ROUNDUP

JUNE 1 ~ 3

MORMON LAKE LODGE

FLAGSTAFF AZ

LEWIS CANYON CAMPOUT

JULY 27 ~ 29

LEWIS CANYON CAMPGROUND

PINEDALE AZ



PAYSON ROUNDUP

AUGUST 24 ~ 26

SLIM JIM CAMP SITE #2

FOREST LAKES AZ



PRESCOTT SHOESTRING ROUNDUP

AUGUST 31 ~ SEPTEMBER 2

PRESCOTT RESORT AND CONFERENCE CENTER

PRESCOTT AZ

LAKE HAVASU ROUNDUP

NOVEMBER 2 ~ 4

1477 QUEENS BAY

LAKE HAVASU CITY, AZ



EVI Summer Bowl -A-Thon

Saturday, August 4th

3:00pm to 5:00pm

AMF Mesa Lanes

2115 E. Southern Ave., Mesa, Arizona 85204

\$20 for 2 hours of bowling

Shoes included

Raffle and Prizes

Tickets available from your Intergroup Rep or

At your Central Office

Valley of the Sun Founders' Day 2018

June 9th, 2018

9:45am to 5:00pm

2121 S Rural Rd. Tempe AZ

Free Lunch

3rd Arizona A.A. Women's Conference

July 6th - 8th

Prescott Resort and Conference Center

1500 E State Route 69

Prescott, AZ

azaawc.org for more information

2018 Area 03

Post Conference Assembly

June 16th, 2018

Tombstone, AZ

Delegates report from the 2018 GSC

2018 Area 03 August Assembly

August 17 - 19

425 S Power Rd.

Mesa AZ

(AZ Golf Resort)



Name	Date	Days
Alcoholics Anonymous	6/10/1935.....	30316
Ralph H.	6/24/1974.....	16071
Carol S.	6/5/1977.....	14975
James M.	6/30/1977.....	14975
Sandy H.	6/1/1985.....	12053
Rodier D.	6/8/1986.....	11688
Kim W.	6/4/1987.....	11323
Joe H.	6/6/1990.....	10227
Steve D.	6/10/1990.....	10227
Andrew L.	6/2/1995.....	8401
Ken C.	6/2/1998.....	7305
Angela P.	6/21/2000.....	6574
Stacey S.	6/7/2001.....	6209
Tom T.	6/1/2003.....	5479
Nicole K.	6/6/2003.....	5479
Bill B.	6/1/2004.....	5113
Timothy Q.	6/1/2004.....	5113
Michael M.	6/1/2005.....	4748
Segrid S.	6/28/2005.....	4748
Jenee K.	6/29/2006.....	4383
Emily B.	6/5/2007.....	4018
Mike F.	6/5/2008.....	3652
Terri O.	6/8/2008.....	3652
Melissa N.	6/19/2008.....	3652
Kevin L.	6/22/2008.....	3652
Adrienne F.	6/18/2009.....	3287
Ross S.	6/30/2010.....	2922
Larry J.	6/9/2012.....	2191
Courtney C.	6/19/2012.....	2191
Shawn R.	6/6/2013.....	1826

Step Six~ Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

Tradition Six~ An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

Concept Six~ The conference recognizes that the chief initiative an active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.



At Wit's End

**Happy Birthday
Alcoholics Anonymous**

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Things We Can Not Change

Ed B. from Maricopa, a long time member of our fellowship has passed from this world. His sobriety was a benefit to many and he will be missed.

READING THROUGH some of the earliest issues of the Grapevine, we wondered whether those "six ink-stained wretches" who started the magazine had much of a sense of humor. For the first year and a half of publication, we found no humor section at all. We don't know why that was, but we were glad to see that in December 1945, the editors wised up and began asking readers for their favorite jokes and quips, and put together the first humor column, entitled "!!!Barleycorn!!!" Here is a joke that appeared in that early forerunner of Ham on Wry:

One we've heard many times, which can't be said too often: **Count yourself again, old man, you ain't so many.**

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PI / CPC

(Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community)

Meets 1st Monday's at 7:00pm

235 E Guadalupe Rd. Gilbert

(Gilbert Presbyterian Church)

Come help carry the message at the public level and to professional groups who have contact with alcoholics.

For more information contact:

480 827-1905

EVI Phone Workshop

Third Friday's at 6:15 pm

Before the monthly business meeting at

1125 N Dobson Rd

Antioch Community Church

Or

Workshops can be done at your Group !

For more information

Call Beth H

480 827-1905

EVI Sponsorship Workshop

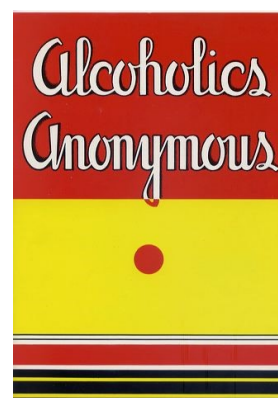
10am the 1st Saturday of every other month

235 E Guadalupe Rd. Gilbert AZ

(Gilbert Presbyterian Church)

Contact: Gail H.

HOST GROUP SCHEDULE

July 7 ~ Page A Day

Join the

EVI Unity Committee

Meeting at 6:15pm Every 3rd Friday

Antioch Community Church

1125 N. Dobson Rd Chandler

EVI Special Events Committee

Meeting held before the Monthly Speaker Meeting

1st Friday of the month

Antioch Community Church

1125 N Dobson Rd Chandler

contact: Deana E.

EVI Monthly Speaker Meeting*1st Friday of Every Month***Meeting Now At 7:30pm**

Antioch Community Church

1125 North Dobson Road, Chandler

June 1st ~ Page A Day

July 6th ~ Sunset Group

These are subject to change - so keep watching.

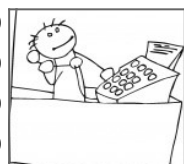
Office Volunteers &
EVI Hot Line Phones

4 hour shifts in the EVI office

Call Roxanne for specific

times and days.

*** Fill In shifts available now***



Central Office Manager's Report

May 18, 2018

April was a great month at the office. We received 468 requests for information and assistance last month. Of those 117 calls were for meeting info and 131 were office visitors. Google reported 9,739 views with 252 going to our website, 71 getting directions to the office and 28 calling. And our website reports 44,321 visits in the last 30 days.

We have renewed our operations permit with the city of Mesa. We have also filed our annual report with the AZ Corporation Commission for East Valley Intergroup Inc. So, just a reminder for you larger groups that are incorporated, now is the time to file.

The ICOAA seminar will be held in Mesa 9/25/2019 to 9/29/2019. It may sound far into the future but we do need to start forming a committee for this event. We will need people to coordinate a day trip on Thursday the 26th, staff a registration and information table and a hospitality room. Please contact me if you would like to help with this event.

If you're Service Committee or Group is planning an event, please remember to send a flier to the office. They will be made available in the office and on the website as well as being listed in the No Booze News. We want to help make your events and service endeavors a success and to share information with our local fellowship. Our high capacity copiers are also available for your use. We just ask that you cover the cost of supplies if making several copies.

All front desk shifts at the office are filled, YEAH! But remember, we still need temps and fill in's when the regulars need a day off. Service opportunities are also available on all EVI committees and the 12th step list. Please take some Gratitude with Service forms back to your group and encourage them to volunteer. The life you save may be your own.

In the spirit of Tradition Eight,
Love and Service

Kim W.
Central Office Manager
East Valley Intergroup

EVI CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY

.....	May	.....	2017
Meeting Information Calls.....	117	.....	662
General Information	98	.....	491
Referred to Salt River Intergroup	3	.....	47
Referred to Al-Anon.....	14	.....	66
Referred to Community Info.....	1	.....	6
12th Step Calls	13	.....	45
Business Calls	91	.....	492
Office Visitors	131	.....	704
Meeting lists printed.....	800	.....	3600
Info request via E-mail	48	.....	258
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None.....	31/ 6/ 3		
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD.	800 hrs		

Web Stats

Website Visits last 30 days 44,321 YTD 221,134
Google Searches last 30 days 9,739

Meeting List Updates...

New Meetings:

Welcome Home 1900 S Arrowhead Dr. Rm#4 **Saturday 7:00p O**
San Tan Men's 35244 N Trica Rd. (One Community Church) **WE 5:30p M,C**

Changes:

Good Ole Back To Basics 1050 W Superstition AJ, MO now at 7:00p
Out of the Dark 19609 S McQueen Rd. Chandler 7:00p is now O
Arbor Group **Has Moved To:** 612 S Ellsworth Rd. Mesa
Women In Gratitude **Has Moved To:** 6458 E Broadway Rd. Mesa **TU 7:00p O**
Grateful Dames 215 E University Dr. Tempe **TH Now Meeting At:** 6:00pm

Deletions:

East Valley Intergroup
1320 E. Broadway Rd. # 105
Mesa, AZ 85204

General Service Office
PO Box 459, Grand Central Station
New York, NY 10163

*** NEW ***
Area 03 Treasurer
PO Box 18765
Tucson, AZ 85371

*** NEW ***

District 08-818
PO Box 12044
Tempe, AZ 85284

District 08-819
PO Box 594
Mesa, AZ 85211

District 08-820
PO Box 20404
Mesa, AZ 85277

District 08 (Maricopa County)
PO Box 45066
Phoenix, AZ 85064

Valleywide H & I
PO Box 80126
Phoenix, AZ 85060

Example of Group Contributions to A.A.

Service Entities

Distribution of funds from groups that
support four service entities

10% to District 10% to Area

30% to GSO 50% to Intergroup



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GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS



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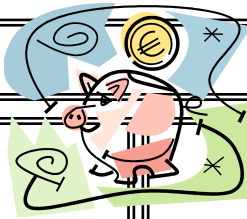
GROUP	April	YTD
11th Step Candlelight		\$0.00
2121 Beginner Workshop		\$0.00
24 Hours A Day		\$0.00
A Vision For You Group	\$142.24	\$413.24.00
ABC Group		\$0.00
AHA! It's Monday		\$100.00
Ahwatukee Daybreak Serenity		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Group	\$211.28	\$211.28
Ahwatukee Nooners		\$600.00
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's		\$532.93
Ahwatukee Women's Group		\$132.13
Arbor Daily Noon Group	\$250.00	\$650.00
As You Wake Up		\$0.00
Attitude Adjustment Ahwatukee		\$187.75
Attitude Adjustment CG		\$50.00
Attitude of Gratitude		\$0.00
Basic II		\$0.00
Bloopers	\$30.00	\$150.00
Bootstrap Men's	\$500.00	\$500.00
Breakfast Club		\$200.00
Busted Ego		\$160.00
By The Book	\$85.75	\$165.06
Chandler Men's Stag Group	\$97.00	\$320.00
Chandler Noon Group	\$142.00	\$362.80
Chandler Women's Big Book Group		\$0.00
Cold Coffee Group		\$0.00
Common Solution		\$0.00
Copper Basin Group		\$0.00
Courage To Change		\$0.00
Daily Reflections Group		\$0.00
Day At A Timers		\$0.00
East Valley Men's Stag	\$200.00	\$390.00
Easy Does It Group	\$88.87	\$355.48
Eye Opener Group		\$200.00
Family Recovery Group		\$0.00
Feelings & Solutions		\$75.00
Firehouse Meeting	\$50.00	\$100.00
Florence Group		\$0.00
Friday Night Big Book Study		\$0.00
Friends Of Bill W.		\$0.00
Get It Together	\$770.37	\$1514.35
Gilbert Gals		\$0.00
Gilbert Group		\$0.00
Gold Canyon 12 X 12 Group		\$0.00
Good Ol' Back to Basics		\$400.00
Grateful Dames		\$0.00
Grateful Girlfriends		\$70.00
Gratitude Group	\$324.00	\$324.00
Great Start	\$200.00	\$400.00
Cut Level		\$96.00
Happy Hour @ Sunbird		\$251.69
Heard It Thru The Grapevine		\$0.00
Into Action	\$150.00	\$150.00
Inwardly Reorganized		\$0.00
Keepin It Real Ladies		\$178.00
Life In The Big Book	\$123.20	\$329.00
Maricopa 12 X 12	\$20.00	\$60.00
Maricopa Group	\$25.00	\$25.00
Mid-Morning Group		\$0.00
Monday Night Madness		\$35.00
Morning After Group		\$150.00
Name In The Hat		\$306.83
New Beginnings	\$100.00	\$300.00
New Hope Group		\$60.00
New Spirit Group		\$300.00
No Name AA Group		\$0.00
Not A Glum Lot		\$100.00
Page A Day	\$464.60	\$900.60
Pioneer Group		\$173.00

GROUP	April	YTD
Price Is Right		\$60.00
Primary Purpose BB Study		\$0.00
Primary Purpose Group		\$0.00
Prime Time		\$0.00
Progress Rather Than Perfection		\$0.00
Putting God First		\$950.00
Queen Creek Saturday Speaker		\$0.00
Re-Awakening Group		\$0.00
Remember When		\$0.00
Renewed Spirit		\$0.00
Right Place Women's		\$0.00
Rising Spirit		\$488.61
Road To Recovery		\$942.54
Rock Solid	\$50.00	\$75.00
San Tan Men's	\$14.00	\$14.00
Second Chance Group	\$360.00	\$360.00
Seniors In Sobriety-Tempe		\$0.00
Serenity At Six		\$0.00
Shade Tree		\$0.00
Sisterhood Of Solutions		\$125.00
Sobriety is Gold		\$100.00
Sobriety Rocks		\$0.00
Society Group		\$0.00
Solutions Group		\$0.00
Some Are Sicker Than Others		\$0.00
Southeast Valley Stag		\$250.00
Spirited Women		\$112.50
Step By Step Group		\$0.00
Stepping Stones		\$60.00
Sunday Morning Women		\$0.00
Sunday Night BB Step Study	\$125.78	\$244.12
Sun Lakes Women		\$92.00
Sunland Serenity Seekers	\$66.00	\$183.00
Sunset Group	\$15.00	\$310.00
Tempe Group		\$100.00
Tempe Nooners		\$100.00
Tempe Sunrises		\$0.00
Tempe Young People		\$0.00
The Library		\$113.00
The Real Thing		\$0.00
The Way Out Group	\$50.00	\$600.00
Thursday Night Step Group		\$0.00
Tuesday Night Steppin Out		\$140.00
Tuesday's Trudgers		\$0.00
Tumbleweeds Group	\$120.00	\$120.00
Upon Awakening		\$700.00
We Ain't Dead Yet		\$0.00
We Agnostics		\$200.00
We Can Group		\$66.00
Wednesday Night Step		\$0.00
Wednesday Night Winners		\$0.00
Welcome Home		\$0.00
West Chandler Men's	\$40.00	\$80.00
Who's Driving Your Bus?		\$0.00
Wolf Pack Group		\$50.00
Women in Gratitude		\$105.00
Women in Solution	\$68.00	\$207.63
Women in Touch	\$70.00	\$123.00
*Anonymous Groups	*15.00	\$430.50

OTHER GROUPS/COMMITTEES

Apache Lake Campout		\$102.02
SWACYPA		\$0.00
AZ AA Womens Conference		\$500.00
Dist 08-818	\$61.84	\$61.84
Mesa Round Up		\$0.00
Group Totals	\$5,029.93	\$19,794.90
EVI Committees	\$128.25	\$396.90
Individual Contributions	\$153.00	\$687.00
GRAND TOTALS	\$5,311.18	\$20,878.80

(*Group contribution with no group name listed)



BALANCE SHEET April 30, 2018

Assets

Current Assets

Checking	6,090.69
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	25,838.61
Accounts Receivable	745.40
Inventory Asset	20,008.75
Undeposited Funds	310.25

Fixed Assets

Cash On Hand	50.00
Office Equip/Furnishings	22,538.00
Depreciation	(-22,538.00)

Total Assets **\$54,910.73**

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	0.00
Visa Credit Card	11.28
Payroll taxes	86.92

Total Liabilities **\$98.20**

Equity

Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	5,703.22
Net Income	5,330.37

Total Equity **\$54,812.53**

Total Liability & Equity **\$54,910.73**

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT April 2018

33 Group contributions totaling	\$5,029.93
3 Individual contributions totaling	\$153.00
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$128.25
Total Contributions	\$5,311.18
Total Income	\$10,166.98
Less total Cost Of Sales	\$3,649.70
Gross Profit	\$6,517.28
Less total Expenses of	\$5,158.12
<u>Net March. Gain</u>	\$1,359.16
<u>YTD 2018 Gain</u>	\$5,330.37

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$25,838.61
The Prudent Reserve has been
established for 2018 in the amount of \$25,895.52

Please call me with any questions or comments
regarding the financial statements.

Grateful to be of service,
Lois L. EVI Treasurer

Traditions Checklist

Tradition Six: An AA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

1. Should my fellow group members and I go out and raise money to endow several AA beds in our local hospital?
2. Is it good for a group to lease a small building?
3. Are all the officers and members of our local club for AAs familiar with "Guidelines on Clubs" (which is available free from GSO)?
4. Should the secretary of our group serve on the mayor's advisory committee on alcoholism?
5. Some alcoholics will stay around AA only if we have a TV and card room. If this is what is required to carry the message to them, should we have these facilities?

East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2018

Meeting Opened by Chuck at 7:04 PM with Moment of Silence followed by Serenity Prayer

12 Traditions ready by – Kimberly

INTRODUCTIONS: Your attendance and participation are appreciated, and visitors are always welcome!

Intergroup Representatives:

New Reps: Jim Before Breakfast, Vic Blooper's, Mike Ahwatukee Saturday Men's

Eric Z. Ahwatukee Group, Larry R. Basic II, Vic V. Bloopers, Jim C. Breakfast Club, Segrid Chandler Women's BB, Tommy W. East Valley Men's Stag, Denis W. Friends of Bill W., Robert J. GIT, James R. Gratitude Group, Mary M. LiBB, Steven S. Men's Shade Tree Group, Laura K. New Spirit Group, Chris M. No Name Group, Sherry B. PAD, Patrick T. Price is Right, Robin H. Putting God First, Barb M. QC Nooners, Andrea M. Serenity Sisters, Bethann T. Sisterhood of Solutions, Jeri H. Sobriety Rocks, Mallory G. SASTO, Tom M. Southeast Valley Stag, Peg D. Spirited Women, Katelyn B. Step by Step, Kimberly K. Steppin Stones, John N. Sunrisers, Dave K. Sunset Group, Ken C. Sunset Group (Alt), Pat C. The Way Out, Ron N. Tuesday Truggers, Paul B. Tuesday Night Stepping Out, Beth H. We Agnostics, John K. Who's Driving Your Bus?, Michelle O. Women in Gratitude,

Committee and other Trusted Servants: (N/P = Not Present)

Chair	N/P	Advisor - Unity	Eddie	Phone Chair	Beth	
Vice Chair		Chuck E.	Office Manager	N/P	H&I Liaison	N/P
Treasurer	N/P	Unity Chair	Tom	Spanish Liaison	N/P	
Secretary		Andrea M	PI/CPC Chair	N/P	Alanon Liaison	Rosemary B.
Advisor Special	Steve	Special Events Chair	Deana	DCM 08-818	N/P	
Advisor - PICPC	N/P	Sponsorship Workshop	N/P	DCM 08-819	N/P	
Advisor - Phones	Dave	No Booze News	N/P	DCM 08-820	Carol	

Secretary's Report: In packet, Motion to Accept - Denis , 2nd – Larry R.

Treasurer's Report: Lois- NP, Report in packet; Net Income - \$1359.16, Doing well, almost at Prudent Reserve, Motion to Accept – Dave K., 2nd – Vic, All in Favor

7th Tradition: \$51.00

Chairperson's Report: In packet, Ed-NP, Chuck explained to group that Antioch Church is now NON-SMOKING. Please help us let others know this is a non-smoking property.

Vice Chair's Report: Chuck E.- reviewed report in packet.

Office Manager: Kim- NP, report in packet, Chuck reviewed report pointing out the office activity, Operations Permit has been renewed with City of Mesa. Reminder that if you are a large group, it is time to file! Wednesday May 30 is Service Day at Office-need help folding and eating donuts! If planning events, please remember to send the office the information. Chuck explained that Steering Committee discussed that we have less events being reports for our calendar. EVI would be happy to get on Calendar!

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

PICPC: NP- In packet

Special Events: Deana- Last month was a great monthly speaker meeting! Next month flyer is in the back, host group is Page-A-Day, Bowlathon tickets are available tonight. Please pick up tickets to take back to your group to sell. Tickets are \$20. Event is August 4th!

Phone Committee: Beth- All going well, thank you for volunteers. if homegroup is interested in picking up a phone committee, we would be happy to get that set up.

Unity Committee: Tom- Over the last few months members of committee have visiting about a dozen groups.

Sponsorship Workshop: Gail- NP, flyers in back!

Newsletter Editor – Maria- NP

Literature- Eric- NP

LIASION REPORTS

Alanon Liaison: Rosemary- Brought flyer for Alanon

H&I Liaison: Amy- NP

Spanish Liaison: Marge- NP

Sub District 08-818: Michelle- NP

Sub District 08-819: Jason- NP

Sub District 08-820: Carol- Meet first Monday of every Month at Epiphany Church in Apache Junction, Trusted servants workshop before meeting at 530, Chuck E will be speaking!! Plus Food!!

OLD BUSINESS: Office Manager's Performance Appraisal –

This is a seconded motion and we will vote on it this evening. Chuck asked for questions or any further discussion-

Pat- asked what Kim has done to earn a 5% raise?

Chuck explained what she does and where the number came from and asked if anyone would like help with discussion- opened the floor

Larry R.- Asked to know about medical insurance costs and wants breakdown of cost.

Chuck E- Explained 5% to Kim's salary will result in her making \$19.63 per hour. *(\$1.00 more an hour, this means she would get a dollar raise for anyone who might not understand how to read the treasurer's report- Andrea).*

Chris. M – I just want to state my groups opinion, prepared for 4% raise but not prepared for 5%

Denis – 1% will be real expensive if we lost our one employee

Jesse J- If we had the money, then she would have had a raise previously

Steve W. – To clarify the 4%, We did not vote for a 4% raise in Nov. The groups asked for money to be put in budget for possible raise. The line item was added and budgets are just forecasted numbers. The 5% came from the Steering Committee after discussion of her review. Also would like to remind the groups that this is the first time a raise has been voted on in 3 years!

Chuck E. – Added that budget is not a contract, it is a guideline

Chris- EVI should have accountability to group and be transparent

Andrea- Reminded groups that all information is available and the 4% line item in budget was voted on BY THE GROUPS in November. Everything is transparent and EVI IS the GROUPS.

Vic V.- wants to know if she will have the three vacation days that were approved last year when she didn't get a raise.

Chuck E. – not sure but believe they were approved to stay as new vacation time

Larry R- wants the past action report before a vote on this motion

Chuck E. – we will not delay this vote, but will email the report

Larry R- made motion to table vote

Pat C.- 2nd motion

Andrea- reminded all that raise is retroactive to hire date

Voted on motion to table- 32 opposed, 2 in favor

Chuck E.- called for vote on 5% raise for office manager

Larry R. – wants to know how many people are in the room.

Counted: 34 voting. Vote: 29 in favor, 5 opposed

Minority opinion- Larry R. – my group is opposed. Went along with 4% but we are unaware if Kim is keeping three days of vacation added last year

Chuck E- motion passes

NEW BUSINESS: Larry R.: Motion to have treasurer make available Office manager's salary package one month prior to a vote.

"Motion to have treasurer make available printed copies of office managers total salary package including wages, medical coverage, vacation and extra days off. One month prior to asking groups to vote. Beginning 2019 and each year thereafter. This would make it easier for Reps to take information back to homegroups. I realize it's a line number in the budget but if it was all on one sheet our groups would have a clearer picture of how our money is spent. Many groups can no longer have or can find the yearly budget."

2nd- Jesse J.

Larry R: Asking if Ad Hoc Committee looking at By laws concerning elections.

Chuck explained yes and AD Hoc cannot change any By Laws without bringing it to the group, Ad Hoc works with policies and procedures. Any changes would come to groups for vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Larry R. -District 8 is having assembly in August. Need group that can make signs for assembly. Would like to get more homegroups involved. Please contact if you can help.

Group Problems & Solutions: none

Close Meeting: Motion to close- Vic, 2nd -All

Thank you,

Andrea M.



A FEW days after I came into AA I was at a meeting and the topic was gratitude. With just a couple of days sobriety I was still full of anger, resentment, shame, guilt and fear. The world had failed to give me what I felt it owed me and everyone in it had let me down. Life was painful and hopeless. I absolutely did not feel grateful for anything!

When it came my turn to share I said "My name is Regan, and I have nothing to be grateful for, so I'll just pass." The long-timer next to me leaned over and whispered in my ear, "Be grateful you're not on fire." What the heck did that mean?! I turned and glared at him with the meanest look I could muster, but he just smiled at me. That old man and his comment made me even more angry. I still continued going to meetings, listening and trying to figure out what people were talking about. It took a few weeks, but eventually I began to understand what that man had been trying to tell me.

I had been focused on all the "bad" things in my life. I was pretty much homeless and had been sleeping in cockroach-infested abandoned buildings and even a dumpster before coming back to AA. I was unemployable, I had no money, and I had lots of legal and financial problems, some of which I was looking at jail time for. I had abandoned my son, destroyed my marriage, and my father had told me that if I ever came near the family again they would call the police. There was nobody who understood how I felt or who even wanted to be around me, let alone help me! Now here I was, living in some halfway house in a town I didn't even like, and sitting in this stupid AA meeting with all these losers! How could anyone be grateful for any of that?

But gradually, I began to see that good things had started happening in my life. True, I still had strained relationships and the same legal and financial problems. But I was sober!

I had a roof over my head and a warm bed to sleep in. I had food to eat and clothes to wear. I was surrounded by people who really understood me and were willing to help me, expecting nothing in return. This is what that old man was saying to me. No matter what is going on in my life, no matter how bad things seem, I can always find something to be grateful for if I just look hard enough.

Even now, many years later, I can still occasionally put myself in a place that seems utterly hopeless with seemingly unbearable circumstances that I am certain I cannot possibly survive.

Then I remember what that old man said and I know there has to be something to be grateful for if I am only willing to change my attitude and look for it.

I might have to start with just being grateful I am not on fire, but once I get that, I can always build from there.

-- REGAN G.

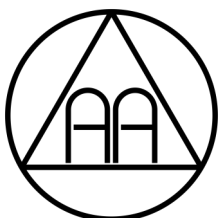
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grat·i·tude:



the quality of being thankful;
readiness to show appreciation
for and to return kindness.



Please send us your stories; MAIL, EMAIL OR CALL IT IN!!



I'd like to hear your story and put it in the No Booze News! Mail your story to the Intergroup office, or email it to me! Or call me and tell it to me and I'll write it down! Please include your name and phone number. We reserve the right to edit for content and/or clarity. Maria D. info@aamesaz.org THANKS!